

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for patterning of three-dimensional surfaces, wherein a pattern (2) is first formed by printing a ~~colouring~~ coloring agent on a printing medium, after which the pattern is transferred to the surface of an object (4) to be patterned, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the ~~colouring~~ coloring agent forming the pattern is left unfixed in connection with forming the pattern, and the fixing is performed separately by means of an auxiliary agent applied onto the pattern (2) or by means of a layer placed on top of the same, after which the pattern (2) is transferred to the surface of the object (4) to be patterned.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises the following steps~~ comprising:

- a) providing a printing medium (1),
- b) forming a pattern (2) onto the surface of the printing medium (1) by a printing method, in which a ~~colouring~~ coloring agent is applied onto the surface of the printing medium at points determined by the desired pattern (2), without fixing,
- c) fixing the ~~colouring~~ coloring agent forming the pattern (2) by means of an auxiliary agent applied onto it,
- d) detaching a 2-dimensional film containing the fixed pattern (2) and the auxiliary agent, from the printing medium (1), and
- e) placing the 2-dimensional film onto the 3-dimensional surface of the object (4).

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises the following steps comprising:~~

- a) providing a printing medium,
- b) forming a pattern onto the surface of the printing medium by a printing method, in which a ~~colouring~~ coloring agent is applied onto the surface of the printing medium at points determined by the desired pattern, without fixing,
- c) fixing the ~~colouring~~ coloring agent forming the pattern by means of a 2-dimensional film formed on top of it,
- d) detaching the 2-dimensional film with the fixed pattern from the printing medium, and
- e) placing the 2-dimensional film onto the 3-dimensional surface of an object.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the 2-dimensional film, with which the pattern (2) is transferred to the surface of the object (4), is stretchable.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pattern (2) is encapsulated between two stretchable films (3, 1e).

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of the stretchable films is a film (1e) originating from the printing medium and the other is a film (3) formed by or containing the fixing auxiliary agent.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the film ~~(1e)~~ originating from the printing medium is placed against the surface of the object (4) to be patterned and the film (3) formed by or containing the fixing auxiliary agent forms an outer protective film.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the film formed by or containing the fixing auxiliary agent is placed against the surface of the object (4) to be patterned and the film originating from the printing medium forms an outer protective film.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the surface of the object (4) to be patterned is curved in two sectional planes perpendicular to each other and the surface.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the object (4) to be patterned is the cover of an electronic device, ~~such as the cover of a mobile phone.~~

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the method also comprises the forming of an image file corresponding to the pattern by a data processing technique before the image is formed on the surface of the printing medium (4).

12. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the object to be patterned is the cover of a mobile phone.